

#niedchat

Session 1 - #Niedchat

What are the big issues facing NI educators?

Trending Words

#tmbelfast, rt, @dmchugh675, @mrmalcontent, ni, -, teachers, :), issues, @dmchugh675:, @he4therw4t5on, think, @ict4mfl,

Event Participants





RT @IEFNI: Thx for sending through @MrMalcontent RT @Niedchat: Inaugural #Niedchat Wed 16th Nov @8.30. Topic - The Issues facing NI educators.

16-Nov-11 00:24 | amc_education



RT @dmchugh675: Need ideas on how to use Voicethread in the classroom? #niedchat #edchatie #ukedchat #edchat <http://t.co/vITAbAJs>

16-Nov-11 04:13 | PennieKlepper



RT @dmchugh675: Please RT "@Niedchat: NI teachers: get connected! #Niedchat tomorrow at 8.30. <http://t.co/cwxvslX0>"

16-Nov-11 07:04 | he4therw4t5on



RT @dmchugh675: Brilliant blog post on N.Ireland's transfer 'system' by @not_out_97 #niedchat <http://t.co/HGWf6Snq>

16-Nov-11 07:05 | he4therw4t5on



@he4therw4t5on very impressed! I wonder if he'll be lurking in our chat tonight? #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 07:32 | dmchugh675



@amc_education Thanks for the follow! Are you popping in for a chat tonight at 8.30? #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 07:39 | Niedchat



On the menu today: Young enterprise, car insurance, Korean War, designing spreadsheets, curriculum meeting and #niedchat . Phew!

16-Nov-11 08:19 | dmchugh675



In Edinburgh, and heading to the Whisky Society shortly to meet wee bro. Participation in #niedchat could be sporadic at best!

16-Nov-11 18:32 | not_out_97



RT @dmchugh675: Please RT "@Niedchat: NI teachers: get connected! #Niedchat tomorrow at 8.30. <http://t.co/cwxvslX0>"

16-Nov-11 18:34 | MrMalcontent



RT @dmchugh675: Please RT "@Niedchat: NI teachers: get connected! #Niedchat TONIGHT (of course!) at 8.30. <http://t.co/mYAgQOHw>"

16-Nov-11 18:35 | MrMalcontent



RT @not_out_97: In Edinburgh, and heading to the Whisky Society shortly to meet wee bro. Participation in #niedchat could be sporadic at best!

16-Nov-11 18:48 | Niedchat



Don't forget...#niedchat @ 8.30 discussing the issues that matter to NI teachers.

16-Nov-11 18:59 | Niedchat



RT @Niedchat: Don't forget...#niedchat @ 8.30 discussing the issues that matter to NI teachers.

16-Nov-11 19:01 | dmchugh675



#ukedchat - want to know about some of the issues facing NI teachers? #Niedchat / @Niedchat tonight at 8-30. Come along and say hello!

16-Nov-11 19:12 | MrMalcontent



#niedchat in one hour hosted by @dmchugh675 . Everyone welcome.

16-Nov-11 19:29 | Niedchat



RT @Nledchat: #Nledchat begins in 45mins.

16-Nov-11 20:09 | ict4mfl



#Nledchat in 15mins. Feel free to join in with the first twitter chat dedicated to NI teachers.

16-Nov-11 20:15 | dmchugh675



5mins to go to #Nledchat. Don't forget the hashtag!

16-Nov-11 20:25 | dmchugh675



Tonight's topic "the Big Issues facing NI educators" #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:27 | dmchugh675



Have a feeling that the topic will throw up many more for future discussions #niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:29 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent hopefully! #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:30 | dmchugh675



Welcome to the first ever #Nledchat! Please introduce yourself.

16-Nov-11 20:30 | dmchugh675



Evening all - Barry Corrigan - P7 teacher, VP and self-confessed nerd / geek #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:31 | MrMalcontent



Evening Barry :) #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:33 | dmchugh675



Still waiting on a few latecomers. Story of my life! #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:34 | dmchugh675



Good evening friends. Edmund Ellison, ict / languages Teacher, consultant, ict4mfl founder and passionate advocate of tech in edu #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:34 | ict4mfl



Hi Seana. Glad you could make it :) #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:34 | dmchugh675



@ict4mfl Hi Edmund! #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:35 | dmchugh675



I think we are in the period of biggest change and challenge in education for a long, long time in NI #Nledchat #TMBelfast And hello all :)

16-Nov-11 20:35 | MrMalcontent



oops forgot my #Nledchat

16-Nov-11 20:36 | medv2



Well just in from a BoG finance meeting, budget cuts has got to be up there at the mo :(#Niedchat #TMBelfast

16-Nov-11 20:38 | medv2



@daithimurray Oh - the elephant in the room has broken cover LOL #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 20:39 | MrMalcontent



@daithimurray glad you could join in ;) #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:39 | dmchugh675



I honestly don't think that we are fully aware of the implications of the cuts in the very near future. #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 20:40 | MrMalcontent



@medv2 even school with large enrollments are feeling the pinch :(#Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:41 | dmchugh675



Many schools will also be under severe pressure in future inspections - not just to justify teaching but also existence #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 20:41 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent I agree. Budget and funding cuts here are causing a lot of anxiety amongst colleagues n PGCE students I've spoken 2 #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:41 | ict4mfl



@smaguire777 brilliant blog post from one of our own on the transfer test. <http://t.co/zXWSBI9w> #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:42 | dmchugh675



How severe is round of redundancies going to be? The ESA agreement might help save 'frontline' jobs but the fear in boards... #niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:43 | MrMalcontent



@AnGaeilgeoir1 glad you made it Dessie! #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:44 | dmchugh675



any date for ESA? i just heard it has go ahead #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 20:45 | medv2



@medv2 June/July 2012 afaik #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:46 | dmchugh675



@daithimurray Would hope so and have coherent joint strategy. Have a feeling that CPD will be led through our own channels, though #niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:46 | MrMalcontent



@smaguire777 Last weekend, this weekend and the following 2! As teacher and parent! (Am also teaching her in my class!) #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 20:47 | MrMalcontent



#niedchat I have to agree regarding funding cuts and reorganisation of funding mechanisms. No longer can teaching be viewed as a 'safe' job!

16-Nov-11 20:48 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@AnGaeilgeoir1 However, might principals be inclined to take on those teachers who really want it instead of falling into it? #niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:49 | MrMalcontent



@medv2 agreed. There has been a lot of change and more to come! #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:50 | dmchugh675



I think the 'more to come' hasn't hit a lot of teachers. There's been a bit of burying heads in sand as well.. #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 20:51 | MrMalcontent



@he4therw4t5on You can read the transcript after sure! #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:51 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent as our weakest link #niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:51 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@MrMalcontent #niedchat #tmbelfast to quote the minister from today he said changes will come in steps. push the sustainable schools..

16-Nov-11 20:52 | he4therw4t5on



RT @he4therw4t5on: @dmchugh675 embedding the nicurriculum at primary level is still an issue #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:52 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent #tmbelfast #niedchat identifying the issues/problems. rationalisation /allowing popular schs to grow then moving onto an...

16-Nov-11 20:53 | he4therw4t5on



#niedchat I've a feeling we may well see the end of training during term time. These could well be organised into agreed staff days.

16-Nov-11 20:53 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@he4therw4t5on it's still an issue at secondary level too. A lot has change but a lot has stayed the same :(#Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:53 | dmchugh675



RT @smaguire777: On a positive note, encouraged by some work being done in the primary for Mod Langs....long may it continue #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:55 | dmchugh675



However, the growth of good schools gets blocked by those in surrounding areas who shout loudest, unfortunately :(#niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 20:55 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent I think it will be next academic year before it bites hard #niedchat - we r negative heads 2nite, not like us!

16-Nov-11 20:55 | medv2



@MrMalcontent #niedchat #tmbelfast ...effective buildings programme. there will be money to help those who want to retire early.

16-Nov-11 20:55 | he4therw4t5on



#Niedchat I'm feeling overwhelmed - 6 new ICT initiatives this year, Emergent leaders course, cross curricular assessments, AB involvement

16-Nov-11 20:56 | Nic5Harrison



For me - the freedom to teach what I want around the skills in the curriculum! Enabled Games Based Learning programme #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 20:58 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 I don't feel that controlled Assessments have been successful in languages. Do you feel they benefit your subject? #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:58 | cnicaodha



@cnicaodha we're looking for success stories! #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 20:59 | dmchugh675



Half an hour gone in the first ever #Niedchat . Why not join in and see what all the fuss is about?

16-Nov-11 21:00 | dmchugh675



#niedchat I've enjoyed the flexibility in languages to teach relevant topics while still covering key skills in #newcurriculum

16-Nov-11 21:00 | AnGaeilgeoir1



RT @dmchugh675: @cnicaodha we're looking for success stories! #Niedchat < Smackdown!!!! LOL #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:00 | MrMalcontent



@cnicaodha but I agree there has been a mixed response. Some like it others hate it. Me?....meh :) #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:00 | dmchugh675



RT @AnGaeilgeoir1: #niedchat I've enjoyed the flexibility in languages to teach relevant topics while still covering key skills in #newcurriculum

16-Nov-11 21:00 | ict4mfl



@MrMalcontent @dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast i agree with Barry, freedom to be creative although this posed probs for lots teachers.

16-Nov-11 21:00 | he4therw4t5on



@dmchugh675 So am I :-) #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:00 | cnicaodha



@MrMalcontent do parents understand the value of this or is it not learning unless its sums and reading homeworks all the way? #niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:00 | medv2



RT @medv2: @MrMalcontent do parents understand the value of this or is it not learning unless its sums and reading homeworks all the way? #niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:01 | dmchugh675



@cnicaodha #niedchat Ciara I have to agree with you I feel I'm teaching less through the TL which is wrong.

16-Nov-11 21:01 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@medv2 Traditional continues to be part of it - this year will be litmus test. #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:02 | MrMalcontent



#niedchat Another successful change is being allowed access to YouTube in the classroom. It did take a while though!!

16-Nov-11 21:03 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@dmchugh675 No because it meant 'rewriting planners that I have used for years.....' #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:04 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent I think this is key...parents have got to be more closely involved with what we do in schools. #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:04 | dmchugh675



@cnicaodha #niedchat On the plus side they are more capable of talking at length about themselves. Perfect prep for AS orals

16-Nov-11 21:04 | AnGaelgeoir1



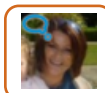
@AnGaelgeoir1 We're STILL waiting! #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:05 | dmchugh675



@he4therw4t5on That's so important. If you are confident in what you do and concentrate on what is needed done #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:05 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast in my exp in curr support, no they havent welcomed it.go thro motions&then do their own thing again.

16-Nov-11 21:05 | he4therw4t5on



@AnGaelgeoir1 #Niedchat A very valid point, this will def benefit them and make the presentation in AS less daunting.

16-Nov-11 21:06 | cnicaodha



RT @zondle: Due to substantial recent growth we're updating zondle's hosting tomorrow morning between 5-7am GMT. #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:06 | MrMalcontent



RT @he4therw4t5on: its about building successful relationships, encouraging positive contact&communicating ideas clearly #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:07 | dmchugh675



@cnicaodha #niedchat also prepares them for general question about themselves, school, holidays and unprepared questions

16-Nov-11 21:07 | AnGaelgeoir1



@dmchugh675 #niedchat While in Estonia last year, parents have access to pupil marks and attendance daily. Teachers job to check how often..

16-Nov-11 21:09 | AnGaelgeoir1



@dmchugh675 #niedchat ... parents check their childrens' progress. We are way behind other countries!!

16-Nov-11 21:10 | AnGaelgeoir1



@dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast teachers need support, so used to a prescriptive curr they forgot how creative&inspired they were..v sad

16-Nov-11 21:10 | he4therw4t5on



lack of transparency - possible reason for dropping of InCAS? #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:11 | MrMalcontent



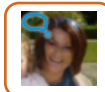
@AnGaelgeoir1 Seems that services like Engrade are popping up to provide parents with access 2 grades etc <http://t.co/db5fIMSj> #niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:11 | ict4mfl



@cnicaodha I think there is a lot of benefit in this. I have trained myself in Joomla, Wordpress, Moodle 2 provide content support #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:13 | ict4mfl



@dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast opportunity to share in non-threatening environ/learning new ideas(esp techy stuff)/networking/ask for help

16-Nov-11 21:14 | he4therw4t5on



@cnicaodha Go raibh maith agat. I'll have to check that out #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:14 | ict4mfl



@cnicaodha @ict4mfl #niedchat Apparental SIMMS can be accessed by parents in GB.

16-Nov-11 21:14 | AnGaeilgeoir1



RT @he4therw4t5on: @dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast opportunity to share in non-threatening environ/learning new ideas(esp techy stuff)/networking/ask for help

16-Nov-11 21:14 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@ict4mfl thanks for your contribution! #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:14 | dmchugh675



@he4therw4t5on I have a bkgound in online web design etc so am happy to help out in this regard if advice is needed #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:15 | ict4mfl



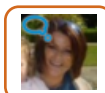
RT @MrMalcontent: @dmchugh675 Add the #ukedchat for some initial meetings? Sorry #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:15 | MrMalcontent



@he4therw4t5on so we need to keep #niedchat friendly...no controversy??

16-Nov-11 21:15 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast posters? , use c2k portal to advertise across all schools?

16-Nov-11 21:16 | he4therw4t5on



@dmchugh675 sorry im late what did i miss? #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:16 | Conneist



@AnGaeilgeoir1 @ict4mfl #Niedchat wow! I think Parent Portal may work through or with Sims.
<http://t.co/9T0Nyu7Y>

16-Nov-11 21:16 | cnicaodha



RT @dmchugh675: @he4therw4t5on so we need to keep #niedchat friendly...no controversy?? Just a tiny bit... #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:16 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast a bit of controversy is ok. its a good forum to explore difficult issues (non-threatening).

16-Nov-11 21:17 | he4therw4t5on



Should we be solely about CPD or should we tackle issue like integration/segregation? #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:18 | dmchugh675



I think that we have too much to offer as educationalists instead of politicians IMHO #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:20 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 I think that CPD is def an important element to support colleagues and should maybe take priority #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:20 | ict4mfl



@he4therw4t5on #niedchat I agree open honest and professional discussion should be welcomed by all.

16-Nov-11 21:21 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@dmchugh675 @mrmalcontent #niedchat #tmbelfast cmon... we can start with CPD, but the other issues are there we can dip our toes in!

16-Nov-11 21:21 | he4therw4t5on



@he4therw4t5on Yes, I think that it will grow and I'm excited at the possibilities. Great to have our own hashtag :) #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:21 | ict4mfl



Ok...lots of ideas on what we are about then! Next Question.... #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:22 | dmchugh675



Could we not sort out the politics in the pub like everyone else?? :@) #niedchat #tmbelfast (Though I do like a bit of controversy)

16-Nov-11 21:22 | MrMalcontent



Q.4 How often do we want to meet? Weekly...monthly??? #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:23 | dmchugh675



@ict4mfl #niedchat #tmbelfast yes i agree! share expertise, discuss difficult issues if they arise. Be professional, respect each other...

16-Nov-11 21:23 | he4therw4t5on



RT @he4therw4t5on: @ict4mfl #niedchat #tmbelfast yes i agree! share expertise, discuss difficult issues if they arise. Be professional, respect each other...

16-Nov-11 21:23 | ict4mfl



@MrMalcontent virtual drink dont taste as good! #niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:23 | medv2



@he4therw4t5on sounds like my classroom rules poster! #niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:23 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 #niedchat weekly! As long as it doesn't class with @yacapaca quizzes!! :p

16-Nov-11 21:24 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@dmchugh675 I am happy to meet any time. Love discussions. Weekly would be fine with me. Would it be the same time and day? #niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:24 | ict4mfl



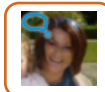
Only 5 mins left. #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:25 | dmchugh675



Do we want to do this next week then...is that the vibe I'm getting? #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:27 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent @dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast yes thank you damien.

16-Nov-11 21:27 | he4therw4t5on



RT @MrMalcontent: Many thanks for this evening's hosting, Damian #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:27 | medv2



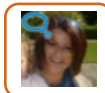
@dmchugh675 Possibly, if I don't burn the tea that time! #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:27 | MrMalcontent



#Niedchat Yes I think so!

16-Nov-11 21:27 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@dmchugh675 #niedchat #tmbelfast yep, im happy to.

16-Nov-11 21:27 | he4therw4t5on



@dmchugh675 I am def up for it. I'll see you all there. :) #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:28 | ict4mfl



BTW I'll be looking for people to host the chat!!!! #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:28 | dmchugh675



RT @MrMalcontent: @dmchugh675 Oops, room's gone quiet LOL #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:29 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt Anything for publicity, I think! #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:29 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt Looks like it. But if it's spreading the word about tmbelfast, that 's a gd thing. #Niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:30 | ict4mfl



Ok...time's up. That was a quick! I'll have a transcript on the wiki shortly & a blog summary later . Thnks for taking part. #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:30 | dmchugh675



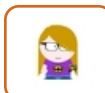
@dmchugh675 #niedchat Thanks Damien

16-Nov-11 21:30 | AnGaeilgeoir1



RT @AnGaeilgeoir1: @dmchugh675 #niedchat Thanks Damien

16-Nov-11 21:31 | he4therw4t5on



Ah, just discovered #niedchat Do any of you know how to access twitter on c2k? That would be a massive help to my CPD during school!

16-Nov-11 21:31 | katebook



RT @amandasalt: First #Niedchat done and dusted, us NI teachers feeling quite proud of ourselves

16-Nov-11 21:33 | dmchugh675



RT @dmchugh675: RT @amandasalt: First #Niedchat done and dusted, us NI teachers feeling quite proud of ourselves < contented glow!

16-Nov-11 21:34 | MrMalcontent



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16-Nov-11 21:35 | he4therw4t5on



Right - managed to cook dinner throughout that! Away to batter the PS3! #niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:36 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent who said men can't multi-task? You're an inspiration! :) #Niedchat #tmbelfast

16-Nov-11 21:37 | dmchugh675



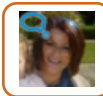
Just home. Is it over? #niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:40 | daithimurray



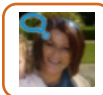
@dmchugh675 @MrMalcontent - men can't multi-task? You're an inspiration! :) #Niedchat #tmbelfast prob prepin a flip chart at same time too :)

16-Nov-11 21:40 | medv2



@dmchugh675 @MrMalcontent #Niedchat very impressed...

16-Nov-11 21:40 | he4therw4t5on



@daithimurray #niedchat its just finished. was very good! damien was a great host. barry cooked dinner&tweeted.amanda has sorted c2k problem

16-Nov-11 21:42 | he4therw4t5on



@daithimurray I always finish a meeting on time :) Great response and lots of ideas for future chats. #Niedchat

16-Nov-11 21:42 | dmchugh675